THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Expert Committee recommended the grant of extension in violation of law.

(c) Shri S.S. Kohli, former Executive Director of Punjab and Sind Bank has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank with effect from 1st September, 1996.

Proposal for Development of Tourism in Karnataka

3638. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka have sent any proposal to the Central Government for development of tourism in the State during the last one year and so far during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have approved these proposals; and

(d) if so, the amount of financial assistance proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 95-96, the Central Department of Tourism had sanctioned 12 projects, and for the current financial year have sanctioned 8 projects. Details of the projects are:—

1995-96

1. Additional accommodation facilities at Halebid, Hussan District.
2. Additional accommodation facilities at Melkhamanahalli in Mysore District.
3. Tourist reception centre at Shimoga.
4. Tourist reception centre at Hubli.
5. Yatri Niwas at Bijapur.
6. Yatrika at Saundatti.
7. Construction of public convenicnaces at Hiriyur Junction, Chitradurga.
8. Construction of public convenicnces at Ullal near Mangalore.
9. Construction of public convenicnces at Mandya Dairy.
10. Construction of wayside facilities at Thoranagal between Bellary-Hospet.
11. Yatrika at Kudalsagama.
12. Yatrika at Adichunchanagiri.

1996-97

1. Multipurpose Toursim Reception Centre, Bangalore.
2. Yatri Niwas at Hassan.
3. Yatri Niwas at Hampi.
4. Yatri Niwas at Kollur.
5. Yatri Niwas at Udupi.
6. Wayside facilities at shivanasamudra.
7. Tourist Reception Centre at Bidar.
8. Public conveniences at Dharmasthala, Udupi, Maharaja Palace at Mysore, Molkote.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) For the years 95-96 and 96-97 an amount of Rs. 229.32 lakhs and Rs. 200.00 lakhs were sanctioned respectively.

Irregular Indian Airlines Flights from Calcutta to Silchar

3639. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of irregular Indian Airlines flights from Calcutta to Silchar;